

REMARKS**Summary of the Office Action**

In the Office Action, claims 1-10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 1-10 of prior U.S. Patent No. 6,307,573 B1 based on a statutory double patenting rejection.

Summary of the Response to the Office Action

Applicant amends claims 1, 2, 3, 5, and 8. Accordingly, claims 1-10 are pending for further consideration.

All Claims are Allowable

Independent claims 1, 5, and 8 have been amended and are no longer coextensive in scope with the original claims. Claims 2 and 3 have been amended to better delineate the claims. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejections of all the pending claims be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and the timely allowance of the pending claims. Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of the response, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative to expedite prosecution.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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